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**RE: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 445X); BNSF Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – in Cascade County, Montana**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On September 19, 2006, BNSF Railway Company (“BNSF”) filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon service of 1.67 miles of railroad line that extends between milepost 194.61 and milepost 196.28, near Great Falls, in Cascade County, Montana. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 59401.

By decision served October 6, 2006, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) granted the exemption authority to abandon effective November 8, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment is to be consummated by October 6, 2007. By decision served October 5, 2009, the STB granted an extension of the consummation date until October 6, 2010.

BNSF is still in the process of resolving an outstanding historical condition. The STB has made a determination of “no adverse effect” and has given the SHPO 30 days to respond. The 30-day deadline is beyond our current consummation deadline of October 6, 2010. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until April 6, 2011.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter by date-stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Ten (10) additional copies of this letter are enclosed for the Board’s use and distribution.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (817) 352-3394.

Sincerely,

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cc: Susan Odom